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## **Parks and Recreation Report: City Council Meeting of December 2, 2008**

### **Roads and Transportation Highlights:**

- Hike and Bike Trail Projects
  - Ohio Parkway Trail Connection
    - **Status - PROJECT COMPLETED**
  - Panther Creek – Hillcrest Trail Connection
    - **Status - PROJECT COMPLETED**
  - College Parkway Hike and Bike Trail
    - **Previous Status** – Plans are being finalized for the project and staff anticipates taking the encroachment easement to the City Council during their November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Based on this, staff's goal is to bid the project prior to the end of the calendar year. Construction would likely begin after mid January 2009.
    - **Current Status** – During the month of November, the City Council approved the encroachment easement for this trail with Oncor. At the time of this report, staff is waiting for the executed agreement from Oncor in order to proceed with the project. We are hopeful that this will be accomplished prior to the Christmas holidays.
  - United States Corps of Engineers 1135 Project
    - **Description** - This project provides for the development of a soft trail system providing a connection from B.F. Phillips Community Park westward to FM 423 and Lake Lewisville.
    - **Previous Status** – No change in status during the month of November.
    - **Current Status** – We continue to keep in touch with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) in an effort to keep this project in the minds of officials. While locally, this project is looked upon as favorable, funding from the Federal level will be unlikely in FY'09. Having said that, staff will continue to keep in contact with the Corps of Engineers to discuss this project.
  - Stonelake Hike and Bike Trail Connection
    - **Description** - This project provides for a trail linkage from Custer Road west to the Ashley Elementary School site as well as the neighborhood park that lies adjacent to the elementary school site.
    - **Previous Status** – No change in status during the month of November.
    - **Current Status** – With the completion of Stephen's Green neighborhood park coming in the next several months, staff will make renewed efforts to try and reach an agreement with the property owner to obtain this easement.



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- Chapel Creek Hike and Bike Trail extension
  - Description – This project will provide for additional linkage of the existing trail to the east towards Preston Road with the expansion of the subdivision.
  - **Previous Status** – Construction plans are moving along slowly and staff continues to communicate and work with the developer regarding a developer's agreement for the construction of the trail. Given the slowdown of this particular development, the timing of this trail section may take longer than originally expected.
  - **Current Status** – While staff continues to be in contact with the developer, our timeline is dependent on the timing of the overall construction. In this case, the development process has slowed with no definite time table for the trail.
- Revision to the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan
  - Description - The original comprehensive Hike and Bike trail Master Plan was completed in 2001.
  - **Previous Status** – The Planning and Zoning Commission called for a public hearing during their October 14, 2008 meeting. The public hearing is expected to take place with the Commission during their October 28, 2008 meeting. The Commission is also expected to consider the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan at this time. Staff will be taking the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan to the City Council for discussion in November and bringing back to the Council for final consideration at a later meeting.
  - **Current Status** – A public hearing for the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan was held at the November 18, 2008 meeting of the City Council. Representatives from HNTB, who provided consulting assistance for the plan were on hand and provided an overview of this to the City Council. Final consideration on the master plan is expected to take place during the December 2, 2008 meeting of the Council.

### **Facilities and Capital Projects Highlights:**

- Building Facilities
  - Senior Center at Frisco Square
    - **Previous Status** – The Senior Center completed the month of September with approximately 2,053 seniors participating in over 157 programs. In response to requests from our participants, staff added several new arts and crafts classes to the regular schedule during this time. One of the highly attended programs for the seniors is the Strength, Core and Balance class. In addition, staff has added a Senior Fitness Test to assess the fitness level of our seniors.



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- **Current Status** – During the month of October, the Senior Center had a total membership of 1,592 as compared to 1,468 at this time in 2007. With this 8.45% increase in members, staff has increased programming and assistance to our senior members. During this month, over 4,524 visits to the Center were made by members. This was a 76.78% increase from 2007.
- Senior Center – Phase II
  - **Status – PROJECT COMPLETED**
- Frisco Athletic Center
  - General
    - **Previous Status** – With the beginning of school taking place in August, membership attendance has gone down to pre-summer levels in September and October. This is expected and membership levels are likely to continue to be flat over the next two months as we near the end of the calendar year.
    - The FAC will be celebrated its first anniversary during operation of October 22, 2008. Activities to help celebrate the first year's success of the Frisco Athletic Center is expected to take place in the first couple of weeks of November.
    - Staff will be unveiling our membership drive for the next year within the next couple of weeks. Final details are being worked out at the time of this report.
    - **Current Status** – The second year of operation for the FAC began during the month of October after a very successful first year. During the first week of November, members of the FAC and other guests were greeted with various healthy snacks and goodies in celebration and thanks to our members.
    - The annual membership renewal program for the FAC begins in November as annual memberships to the Center begin to come about in November. Campaign notices were sent during the month of November and staff has specific goals of retention for this second year of operation.
    - In its first year of operation, over 650,000 visits were made to the Center.
    - Our aquatic program continues to be successful at the FAC. In October, we had an attendance of 1,259 guests taking part in our water aerobic and swim lesson programs.
    - Birthday parties continue to be a popular activity at the FAC with 21 parties taking place during the month of October.
  - Outdoor Aquatic Center
    - **Previous Status** – Staff is working with the contractor on the timing of final warranty work on the outdoor aquatic center. This work is expected



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to take place over the next couple of months and well before the 2009 summer opening of the facility.

- **Current Status** – Construction administration staff are working with L.L.C. to confirm initiation of the needed work to complete warranty work at the Center.
- Indoor Recreation Area
  - **Current Status** – In November, the FAC will begin to see some of the annual maintenance items discussed previously. Painting of walls and corridors will be taking place at the Center during the next 30-45 days. Additionally, final arrangements are being made in regard to the re-sealing of gymnasium and racquetball courts at the Center as well as the cleaning of tiles, and floors at the facility.
  - With the Council's approval of a new janitorial contract for the next fiscal year, new service for the FAC will begin during the last week of October. This contract should provide a higher level of service for the Center during this next year.
  - **Current Status** – Final arrangements by FAC staff and Administrative Services staff are being done for the annual maintenance items that will be taking place at the facility. This includes the painting of walls and corridors and other areas as needed at the Center. Additionally, work on floors, carpet and tiles will be taking place over the next couple of months.

### **Ongoing Maintenance of maturing areas of the city:**

- Reinvestment to current park assets
  - Description – Staff is currently moving forward with the redevelopment of the following older park sites.
    - Duncan Park (Funded for 2009)
      - **Previous Status** – Since the last update, construction of the playground has been completed. Additionally, staff is currently working with the park consultant for the reinvestment work for the park that will be done this next year. This planning will continue for the next 30-45 days prior to the consultant developing plans for the park.
      - **Current Status** – The park consultant is currently completing work on the design for the park and will be working on construction plans for the park for the next 3 months prior to bidding out the project.
    - First Street Park (Currently funded for 2008)
    - Preston North Park (Currently funded for 2008)
      - Contracts for professional services will be coming in December



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- Youth Center Park (Currently funded for 2008)
  - **Previous Status** – Staff continues to work with the consultant to complete the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the Youth Center Park. Completion of this contract and submittal to the City Council should be in a position to take place over the next 30-45 days.
  - **Current Status** - Staff will be coming to the City Council during the month of December with a professional services agreement for work to master plan, design and providing construction plans for the park reinvestment program. Once started, this process is expected to take approximately 3 -4 months for the design work to conclude.
- Bi-Centennial Park
  - **Previous Status** – Staff is completing the professional services agreement for the master planning and development of the park's reinvestment and will be bringing this to the City Council for their consideration in October. Once approved, staff will be meeting with the area to discuss the improvements to this area.
  - **Current Status** – Staff completed review of the professional services agreement for the proposed planning and construction documents that will accompany the development of this area during the month of November. Staff will be bringing this agreement to the City Council for their consideration during the month of December.

### **Park Development:**

- Completed Neighborhood Parks:
  - Description – The following neighborhood parks were completed in 2008
    - Vivian Stark McCallum
    - Tuscany Village
    - J.C. Grant
    - Coyote Crossing
    - Foncine Settlement Park
- Neighborhood Parks Currently under Development:
  - FY'09 projects will be listed during the next monthly report
  - Beavers Bend Pond and Trail Project





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- Description – This project includes the redevelopment of a pond located on the west side of Beavers Bend Park as well as the development of a concrete trail that will provide connection from Beavers Bend to Fourth Army Memorial Road, which is adjacent to B.F. Phillips Community Park.
- **Previous Status** – The contractor made good progress on the project during the month of October. Based on this progress, the park development should be concluded within the next two months. Currently, the pond is near completion and the installation of the playground has not yet been completed at the time of this report.
- **Current Status** – The contractor should be complete with the construction of the playground system in early December and hopes to be completed with the total project at the end of the calendar year.
- Hummingbird Park Development
  - Description – This neighborhood park development will be taking place along Honey Grove Drive adjacent to Isabel Sem Elementary School.
  - **Previous Status** – Work on this project has progressed well over the past month. Based on the work done in October, it appears that the project should be completed within the next 90 days.
  - **Current Status** – The contractor continues to move forward with the park. Sodding of the grass for the site will be completed over the next month, and the installation of the two pedestrian bridges will likely take place after the holidays in January.
- Stephens Green Park Development
  - Description – This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Ashley Elementary School and is located in the Stonelake Estates development.
  - **Previous Status** – Even though the overall project is moving along well, the pedestrian bridge for the project has been delayed, which will prevent the park from being completed until approximately 60 more days. As the remaining portions of the park are completed, the contractor will work on other punch list items until the bridge has been completed.
  - **Current Status** – The contractor is moving towards completing the park project during the month of December. Final walk throughs should take place in mid December and final completion of items will take place afterward. Final completion of the artwork is hoping to take place in December.



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- Crescent Park Development
  - Description – This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Pink Elementary and Griffin Middle School in the Griffin Parc development.
  - **Previous Status** – During the month of October, construction of the park has gone well and based on this work, the contractor should be in a position to have the park completed within the next 30-45 days
  - **Current Status** – Work by the contractor went well in November. Sod was being installed during the last part of November and should be completed by December 1, 2008. Artwork for the project has been installed and overall project site cleanup should take place by mid-December. Given these factors, staff walk throughs with the contractor should take place in December.

### Neighborhood Parks being Master Planned

- Description and Status – ALL MASTER PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR FY'08
- FY'09 projects and descriptions will be put into place during the next monthly report.

### • Park Construction

#### ○ Community Parks

- Description – The following community parks are currently under construction:
  - B.F. Phillips Community Park – Phase I
    - **Previous Status** – Final punch list items are being addressed and should be completed within the next month.
    - Staff is working with the park consultant to finalize a professional services agreement on Phase II work that was funded through the FCDC for FY'09. It is expected that these contracts should be in a position to take to the City Council during the next 30-45 days.
    - **Current Status** – At the time of this report, the contractor was trying to complete final punch list items. Based on that effort, staff believes that this work should be completed prior to the end of the calendar year.
- Description – The following community parks are completed
  - Harold Bacchus Community Park – Phase II
  - Warren Sports Complex – Phase VI

### • Community Parks being Master Planned:

- There are no community parks currently being master planned.

### • Grand Park



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- **Previous Status** – Staff did meet with the TCEQ in early October to discuss the overall project and related water right issues for the development of the Grand Park. Staff is also working with the North Texas Municipal Water District to discuss water right issues for the project. These discussions will be ongoing for the next several months as permitting of the project nears.
- **Current Status** – Staff provided an overview of the current status of the park during a joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Frisco Community Development Corporation on November 10, 2008. Comments from the USACOE might be forthcoming after the first of the year about the project. At that time, staff will provide any new information needed by the Corps and hopefully get an updated time frame in which the permitting of the project will be completed.
- Cottonwood Linear Park
  - **Description** – Located along Cottonwood Creek, primarily from Legacy Parkway westward to Teel Parkway, this is a partnership project between the developer of Shaddock Creek Estates and the City in an effort to provide development and to transfer ownership of the property to the City.
  - **Previous Status** – Given the past communication with the developer for this project, it appears that the development of the linear park may not occur in 2009, unless there is more movement with the development of the residential area adjacent to the park. Staff will continue to communicate with the developer to see if the status of this project changes.
  - **Current Status** – Since the last update for the month of October, there has been no new progress on this project. Staff will continue to discuss this project with the developer and monitor the timing of the development of the residential area.

### Special Parks and Facilities

- **Description** – Possible development of a dog park facility
- **Previous Status** - A joint meeting of the Frisco Community Development Corporation and the Frisco Parks and Recreation Board will be taking place on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. Among the agenda items that will be listed for this meeting will be consideration to revise the master plan for B.F. Phillips Community Park. The proposed revision would be for the potential development of a dog park facility.





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- **Current Status** – During the joint meeting of the Frisco Parks and Recreation Board and the Frisco Community Development Corporation on November 10<sup>th</sup>, both boards voted to amend and revise the park master plan for B.F. Phillips Community Park to include the concept of a dog park facility. The park consultant will be making the necessary changes to the master plan prior to staff bringing this forward to the City Council for their final consideration. We anticipate bringing this to the Council in January. If approved by the City Council, staff will be working with the Parks and Recreation Board on potential funding and timing of such a project. At this point in time, there has been no funding or identification of this project on the Park Development Plan.

### **Special Events:**

- Recently completed events:
  - No Parks and Recreation special events took place during the month of November.
- Upcoming events:
  - Upcoming Park Dedication:
    - B.F. Phillips Community Park – Staff will be working with the Phillips family and coordinating potential dates for this upcoming spring to dedicate this community park. More details on times, dates, etc. will be forthcoming after the beginning of the year.
  - Breakfast with Santa – Santa will be on hand at the Senior Center at Frisco Square on Saturday, December 6, 2008 to share breakfast with boys and girls of all ages. There will be two sessions with Santa this year with registration totaling 102 participants at the time of this report.
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Merry Main Street – Saturday, December 6, 2008. This year's event is only a few days away as staff finalizes details for this year's event. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. we anticipate thousands of residents being on hand for all of the food, entertainment and fun for the annual Christmas Tree lighting. Come on out and be a part of a great community event!
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Frosty 5K Run – Saturday, December 13, 2008. Registration for this year's fun run and walk are ongoing and staff is hopeful of hundreds of participants for the event that will take place one week after the Merry Main Street.
  - Santa Skate - Saturday, December 13 will also be the date for the annual Santa Skate event at the Dr Pepper Star Center. This will take place between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. that day. Current registration for the event is approximately 80 participants, but we will likely reach 300 guests for the skate the closer we reach December 13<sup>th</sup>.



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- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Winter Games of Texas – January 17-18, 2009 at various locations. The Parks and Recreation Department provides assistance to the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau for this annual series of events that are held in various venues throughout the city. This year, there will be 14 different sports taking place. The Festival of Athletes will take place at the FAC on Saturday, January 18, 2009 with over 1,000 athletes expected to be a part of the fun and celebration.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Frisco Convention Center. Staff is close to finalizing details for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual dance that will take place at the Frisco Convention Center on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. More details on registration and the event will be forthcoming in the next staff report.

### **Expand Youth Involvement in the City:**

- New Recreation and Aquatic Center
  - Recreation programming staff continues to look at possible activities and events at the FAC that would involve youth. New programs will be offered after the first of the year that will complement and expand youth programs already offered at the Center.
- Youth Activity Center
  - **Previous Status** – Staff is finalizing a professional services agreement for the development of the skateboard park facility. This includes a specialty company that will assist the park consultant in designing the skateboard facility. This agreement should be completed within the next month and submitted to the City Council for their consideration.
  - **Current Status** – During the month of December, staff will bring forth the professional services agreement for the development of a skateboard park facility that will be developed at BiCentennial Park. Once approved by Council, staff will begin work with the consultant and begin the public process of designing a facility.